

FIRST SHELL
OF NEW WAR

Was Fired by Congressman
Tinkham of Boston
Against Austrians

ITALIAN SOLDIERS
RAISED A CHEER

Big Cloud of Smoke Marked
Where the Shell Ex-
ploded

Italian Headquarters, Tuesday, Dec. 11.—(By Associated Press).—The first American shot against Austria was fired by Representative Tinkham of Boston on the lower Pieve when Mr. Tinkham pulled a string firing a large 140-millimeter gun, sending a shell hurtling across the Pieve to an Austro position. A huge cloud of black smoke marked the place where the shell burst. The Italian battery men gathered around the gun and raised a cheer as the American congressman fired.

CHARGES BLUNDERS
ON CAMBRAI FRONT

London Newspaper Also Gives Voice to
Belief That British Were Caught
Napping.

London, Dec. 12.—The Times this morning prints conspicuously an editorial article demanding a prompt and searching inquiry into the battle on the southern end of the Cambrai salient on Nov. 30 and the following days owing, it says, to disquieting first-hand amplifications of censured accounts. These are said to include charges of blundering and assertions that the British were caught unprepared.

COSSACKS ASSISTED
BY OTHER LEADERS

Movement Against the Bolsheviks in Russia
Is Said to Be Growing
Stronger.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 11.—Russian officials in London who are establishing direct communication with General Kaledin and the other leaders declared to the Associated Press today that the movement to overthrow the Bolsheviks was supported not only by the Cossacks but by almost all the leaders of the other parties. They felt confident that they will be able to present a formidable fighting force by spring.

GERMANS LOSE POSITIONS.
Because Uruguay Broke Off Relations
With Germany.

Montevideo, Dec. 12.—Because of the rupture of relations with Germany, three German engineers in the port service have been suspended for an indefinite time. For the same cause, the chief engineer of the cruiser Uruguay has been suspended, but allowed a continuance of his pay.

AUSTRIAN WARSHIP
WAS DESTROYED

Most of the Crew of the Wien Were
Saved—The Vessel Was
Torpedoed.

London, Dec. 12.—The Austrian battleship Wien was torpedoed and sunk Sunday night, according to Vienna official news. Most of the crew was saved.

REV. F. A. POOLE INSTALLED.

Public Service Was Held at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 12.—Rev. Dr. Francis A. Poole was installed as pastor of the South Congregational church last night. The council met yesterday afternoon, with Rev. F. B. Richards of this town moderator and Rev. Robert Clark of Lyndon scribe. Delegates were present from the Congregational churches of the county and in addition the churches of Wells River, Montpelier, Barre, and Worcester, Mass., were represented.

The public service of installation took place last night. The program included prayer by Rev. C. L. Eaton of this town, scripture reading by Rev. J. J. Hutchinson of Lyndonville, sermon by Dr. C. H. Mix of Worcester, Mass., prayer of installation by Rev. S. F. Blomfield of Montpelier, charge to the pastor by Rev. Donald Fraser of Wells River, reading of fellowship by Rev. F. B. Richards, charge to the people by Rev. C. C. Merrill of Burlington, and greeting of fellowship by Rev. G. A. Martin of St. Johnsbury. Dr. Poole came here in September from the Union church of Worcester, Mass. He succeeds Chaplain Paul Dwight Moody.

LAND HEARING HELD.

On Proposal to Take Tract in Victory
By Electric Company.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 12.—The adjourned hearing before the public safety commission over the matter of condemning a certain tract of land in the town of Victory for the benefit of the Essex Storage and Electric company, was begun here yesterday. Those who oppose the confiscation of this property for this utility are represented by Alfred S. Hall of Boston, Walter E. Fenton of Rutland, J. G. Sargent of Ludlow and J. R. Searies of St. Johnsbury. The petitioners are represented by Dunnett, Shields & Conant of St. Johnsbury. The hearing will occupy several days.

RUMANIA SIGNED.

Armistice Began on Sunday Night to
Run T. F.

Jassy, Rumania, Monday, Dec. 10.—The official armistice was made today of the signing of the armistice in accordance with which hostilities were suspended at 10:30 last night until further notice.

NO CITIES CHANGED.

Sixteen Massachusetts Municipalities
Stand Pat on Liquor Issue.

Boston, Dec. 12.—An unchanged lineup on the liquor license question was maintained by the 16 Massachusetts cities holding elections yesterday. In contrast with the overturns of the municipal elections a week ago when four of the 18 cities were swung from "dry" to "wet," the 12 cities which opposed license last year adhered to their policy yesterday and the four cities favoring license maintained their former attitude.

The license cities are Chelsea, Lawrence, Lowell and Worcester.

The dry cities are Attleboro, Beverly, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newburyport, Newton, Revere, Somerville and Woburn.

Considerable interest centered in Lowell's stand in view of the effort to swing it into the dry column because of its proximity to the national army cantonment at Camp Devens. The vote, however, showed an increase of 842 over last year.

While National party lines were not sharply drawn in most of the municipalities, Republicans were successful in all four cities where the issue was between Republicans and Democrats.

Three Republican mayors were elected.

Charles W. Eldridge in Somerville; Wilford D. Gray in Woburn and P. G. Holmes in Worcester. There was no majority contest in Revere but all Republican candidates for the city council were successful.

MAYOR D. HOPKINSON OF NEWBURYPORT, AND MAYOR EDWIN O. CHILDS OF NEWTON WERE UNOPPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION.

Other mayors elected included John J. Hurley in Lawrence, Perry D. Thompson in Lowell, Walter H. Creamer in Lynn and Charles H. Adams in Melrose.

It was an off-year on the mayoralty in Attleboro and Beverly.

SEVENTEEN ENLISTMENTS.

Naval Recruiting Station at Burlington
Again Breaks Record.

Burlington, Dec. 12.—Yesterday was another record-breaker for navy enlistments at the local recruiting station, seventeen young men being accepted. Dr. C. H. Cech, the examining surgeon, examined 41 of the 61 applicants during the day.

As matters stand now at the local navy station, it is thought that it will be a physical impossibility to enlist all the applicants that are expected to flood the place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the last days of grace for those who wish to avoid being subjected to the terms of the new law.

Those examined yesterday by the examining physician and enlisted by the sign follow:

E. J. Hodgkins of North Troy, F. C. Stanton of Northfield, P. F. Merrill of Meriden, N. H., Harold Parkinson of this city, Harold F. Whitcomb of Essex Center, James S. Moriarty of Rutland, Richard W. Tenney of Grafton, apprentice seaman; John A. North of Ashley, Mass., (fireman, third class); Leslie G. Loomis of Rutland, (landsman for baker, first man so enlisted in this station); Edward A. Stephens of Randolph, (hospital apprentice, second class); Bertie A. Reed of Montpelier, Vernon H. Goyette of Mineville, N. Y., Charles A. Anderson of the same place, (landsman for machinist, mate, aviation); Morris A. Leland of Glover, Earl W. Fisk of Barton, (landsman for electrician, general); R. S. Ferris, (fireman, third class).

TO EXAMINE GENERALS

And Determine Their Fitness to Command in Europe.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—All general officers of the regular army and national guard are being examined by medical boards and efficiency boards "with a view to determining the advisability of sending them for service abroad."

In announcing this step late yesterday, Secretary Baker said it was necessary on account of the unusually severe conditions of service in this war.

Commanders for American troops at the fighting front are to be selected only after rigid investigation of their physical and professional fitness for their task. Early announcement of the retirement or discharge of some of the general officers is expected, as medical boards already have reported against men in both the regular and National Guard services.

ONLY SLIGHT LOSS.

At Newcastle Plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

New York, Dec. 12.—An explosion and fire at the Newcastle plant of the Bethlehem Steel corporation caused only slight damage, it was stated at the office of the corporation today. The officials said the damage indicated that no one was hurt and that the property loss confined to one section of a small shell-loading shop.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 12.—Fire broke out about 8 o'clock this morning in the shell loading department of the Bethlehem Steel corporation's munition plant, a short distance below Newcastle. Flames caused an explosion of loaded shells and they were scattered everywhere. The report says the roar of the explosion resembled the bombardment of a town.

RELIEF SHIP ARRIVES.

The Calvin Austin Reached Halifax, N. S. To-day.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—The Boston relief ship Calvin Austin entered the harbor to-day.

A man who survived the explosion was found among the ruins yesterday. He was discovered while searchers were removing the debris from the North street station. He had been caught between two cars, and beyond a few bruises was unhurt. It is presumed the man had been unconscious since Thursday. When placed on his feet, he seemed dazed and asked what had happened. His identity has not been learned.

BUYS DRUG STORE.

Clarence Kendrick to Conduct Business in St. Albans.

St. Albans, Dec. 12.—At an auction held to-day by Sheriff George C. Holmes, the drug store stock of William H. Colomb was purchased by Clarence Kendrick of Enosburg Falls, who will come here to conduct a store. Mr. Colomb went away from St. Albans a few weeks ago and the sheriff seized the store to satisfy creditors. Mr. Kendrick has been employed in the H. A. Goldings drug store in Enosburg Falls and prior to that was engaged in the drug business in Barre.

RUSSIAN ARMY
BREAKING UP

German Statement Says the
Forces Are Being De-
mobilized

PEACE PARLEYS
ARE AUTHORIZED

Gen. Cherbatchoff Has Been
Named Commander-
in-Chief

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—A semi-official German news agency says that the demobilization of the Russian forces already has begun and that peace negotiations restricted to the Russian front have been authorized. The dispatch says that General Cherbatchoff has been appointed commander-in-chief "with the assistance of the allies," and that he has been authorized to open peace negotiations with Germany.

ATTLEBORO, MASS.,
HAS \$500,000 LOSS

Four Buildings Were Destroyed and Several Others Were Damaged
Early This Morning.

Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 12.—Fire swept through the business center of this city early to-day, causing damage estimated by the police at half a million dollars. Four buildings were destroyed and several others were damaged. Assistance from nearby cities and towns was necessary before the flames could be checked. Occupants of apartments in several of the buildings had ample time to escape and no one was injured. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

MORE NAMES CERTIFIED.

Federal District Board Cleans Up Old Cases.

The federal district board held a meeting Tuesday evening for the purpose of cleaning up some of the old cases so that now the work under the old regulations has been completed and four persons were certified to the adjutant general this morning as a result of their meeting. E. R. Seaver of Williamstown, in Orange county, L. J. Tatro of Ferrisburg, W. W. LaFontaine of Middlebury and H. M. Mandigo of Vergennes, in Addison county.

The board is now ready to take hold of the work under the new regulations, but they will not have a meeting until about Dec. 23, because the papers had to rest in their office ten days before action can be taken upon them. They have 1,254 persons certified to the adjutant general, so that it will not be necessary to call any more men for examination, there being 292 for use in the recent call for 100 coast artillery men.

PROPOSES SCHOOL SCHEDULE.

So Arranged As to Save Fuel in St. Albans.

St. Albans, Dec. 12.—At a meeting of the St. Albans school board last night Superintendent of Schools George S. Wright presented a recommendation regarding the sessions of the city schools during the remainder of the school year, with a view to conserving the fuel supply. Supt. Wright recommended that from January 2 the high school and the three upper grades be in session six days a week until the school year is made up, which would bring the time of closing about May 15. The board took no action.

Another recommendation by Supt. Wright was that the first grades close this term and remain closed until March when they should run six days a week until the year is rounded out, which would be about the first of July. This arrangement would permit the closing of three primary buildings and three rooms in other buildings for the greater part of the winter.

WILL NOT CLOSE SCHOOLS.

Plan Not Favored by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

That the Vermont schools will not be closed in January and February, at least as far as the federal fuel administration is concerned, was settled when on Tuesday afternoon Gov. H. F. Graham received a telegram from H. A. Garfield to the effect that the plan of closing the school was not to be put in force. The telegram follows:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11, 1917. Governor Horace F. Graham, Montpelier, Vermont.

Opinion expressed in your letter of the 8th instant is entirely sound. The proposed plan to close schools during the two winter months did not originate with the fuel administration and will not be adopted. H. A. Garfield.

ACCUSED OF DESERTION.

Patrick Boney Arrested in St. Albans and Taken to Fort Ethan Allen.

St. Albans, Dec. 12.—Patrick Boney, who is said to be a former member of Co. B and who came to this city several weeks ago from Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass., was arrested yesterday by Chief of Police J. F. Mahoney. He was taken to Fort Ethan Allen last night by a guard and must answer to the charge of desertion. It is alleged that the man disregarded telegraphic orders to return to Camp Bartlett.

26.4 BELOW ZERO IN
"COLDEST NORTHFIELD"

Northfield, Dec. 12.—The U. S. weather bureau at this place reported a temperature of 26.4 below zero this morning. With two exceptions this is the coldest December temperature in 31 years, the other occasions being on Dec. 14, 1893, when a reading of 27 below was recorded, and on Dec. 26, 1914, when it was 32 below.

TROLLEY COMPANY
REVIVES PLANS

Will Acquaint Every Voter in Barre and Montpelier with the Desires of the Company in Proposed Franchise.

Activities looking toward the acceptance of a substitute for the franchise under which the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. now operates were resumed at the regular meeting of the city council last evening, when Atty. F. E. Gleason, for the company, outlined a plan whereby the history of franchise negotiations between the traction people and the council, together with copies of the old and new franchises may be placed before each voter in the form of a pamphlet to be issued by the road. The attorney read at length from the proposed booklet, and at the end the aldermen readily assented to the proposal and stamped it with its endorsement.

The pamphlet is to be altered somewhat to suit conditions peculiar to Barre, Montpelier and Berlin, although every voter in each community is to receive a copy. In thus appearing before the aldermen, Mr. Gleason, as a representative of the road, announced that the plan to displace, if possible, the present franchise has not been abandoned by the company. Moreover, he stated that three-fourths of the bonds are represented by bondholders who have consented to grant an extension of 20 years, and that the outlook for obtaining the signature of every bondholder is considered promising. Just now the next move is up to the company, so far as Barre is concerned, for the city council some weeks ago voted in the ratio of four to three to accept the proposed new franchise with a view to submitting it to the voters at a referendum.

Counsel for the road stated that the company desired to acquaint every voter with the situation, and to that end proposed to finance an issue of nearly 4,500 pamphlets. With one exception, the proposed restatement of negotiations met with the approval of the aldermen. That exception had to do with the state-ment before the road's South Main street obligation approximated \$6,000, whereas the actual share of the cost, as assigned to the road in the latest estimate, is \$7,200. Mr. Gleason asserted that the company was anxious to obtain the endorsement of the aldermen before the pamphlet is issued, and in closing he advised that the checklist would be used in an effort to place a copy of the little memorial in every home.

Legislation for Mystics.

Legislation that is to bring the palmists, clairvoyants, mediums, etc., into line was adopted as forecasted last week, when the clerk read a proposed amendment to section 37 of the city ordinance, wherein said practitioners must register at city hall, pay a fee of \$1, and furnish a bond of \$100. In addition, a penalty of from \$10 to \$50 is prescribed if the practitioner fails to obey the ordinance. The clerk stated that S. S. Smith, a Maple avenue man who styled himself a magnetic healer, appeared at city hall to accept the real meaning of the proposed amendment. Mr. Smith, it was said, heartily favored any proposal to curb the clairvoyants, palmists, etc., but wondered how it would affect him as a medium, as well as other mediums of his faith who sometimes come to Barre to give readings. Alderman Milne raised a question as to whether the proposed amendment would interfere with the practice of a person's religion, but the majority of the aldermen believed that the amendment was not aimed at "legitimate" mediums, and on the motion of Alderman Rossi the amendment was adopted.

Alderman Milne lifted his voice in championship of people who are unable to obtain sugar and cited several families within his own neighborhood who have no food. He said that the army men to represent them in the mad struggle that inevitably follows the arrival of a barrel of sugar along North Main street. He thought that a more equal distribution of the sugar could be brought about, and for that reason he moved that the mayor appoint two members to confer with the state food administrator. The motion was carried. Mayor Glysson indicated that the appointments will be announced in due time.

Street Accounts Tangled.

Somewhere a discrepancy apparently exists in street department financing, and while the aldermanic street committee is going over the accounts, a move to increase the appropriations in that department will be stayed. It appears that there is an overdraw of several hundred dollars, although the figures presented by engineering and street employees show that the permanent streets on North and South Main streets were constructed this year at a cost which fell short of the estimates. A part of a discrepancy represented as aggregating \$3,679 was shown to be invested in cement, which the department cannot cash out. A permanent resolution prepared by the clerk and passed to a second reading excluded temporarily the appropriation of additional sums to the street account, but supplies money in the following sums to other departments: City buildings, \$150; poor, \$200; police, \$600; schools, \$602.52; winter drawing schools, \$109.99; sinking fund, \$4.50.

The report of the city hall boiler inspections, in which the inspector gave both boilers a clean bill, was read and accepted. W. A. Bradford was granted a permit to use his heavy motor truck with the usual restrictions. The monthly report of the wiring inspector, in which it was stated that no violations were granted, was read and accepted. Messrs. Provost and Bernato appeared personally and asked for a visit from the snow plow in the vicinity of their Maple avenue house. The matter was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Considerable Money Spent.

A large list of warrants went through the hopper, although a bill for \$98, submitted by James & Sny, for giving the city house, was held up pending an inquiry. Under the new finance committee schedule, the monthly accumulation of warrants are to be read at the second meeting in each month. The warrants approved were as follows:

George W. Gorman, \$85, postage; C. W. Averill & Co., \$301.55, supplies; street permanent street, resurfacing accounts; Buffalo Spring Roller Co., \$43.50, repairs; J. H. Cook, \$2.60, trucking; Cummings & Lewis, \$1.00, supplies; street account; engineering department, \$1,182.45, services; permanent street, resurfacing.

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AGED FLAGMAN
DIED ON DUTY

Patrick McMahon Had Just
Waved Danger Flag at
Granite Street

AS FREIGHT TRAIN
REACHED CROSSING

Death May Have Been Due
to Apoplexy, It is
Stated

Patrick McMahon, long a familiar figure at the Granite street crossings of the Central Vermont and Montpelier & Wells River railroads, dropped dead in front of his station this forenoon just as a freight train was bearing down the yard. It was around 11 o'clock and a bull in yard activities at that moment had preceded a busy morning on both crossings. Mr. McMahon was at his usual post in the highway between the two crossings when he suddenly fell to the ground. The crew aboard one of the Central Vermont shifters saw him fall and the first to reach the stricken man's side was Yardmaster Frank Cassiva. Apparently death was instantaneous.

With the aid of other trainmen, Mr. Cassiva removed the body to the flagman's shack, first disengaging the metal warning sign, "Stop," which the flagman waved as death came.

J. H. L. Carr, the Central Vermont station agent, and J. N. Gall, agent for the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, were both notified, and police headquarters were called by telephone. First among the authorities to arrive was Chief Sinclair, who called Health Officer J. W. Stewart. The latter was busy on another emergency case at the time, and after inquiring of the chief concerning the circumstances, he gave permission to remove the remains. The body was taken to the Perry & Noonan undertaking establishment in Depot square, there to await the arrival of relatives from Montpelier.

The dead man had spent several years at the Granite street post. His home was in Montpelier, and to Barre he came every morning in the year to warn pedestrians and team traffic against the dual danger of the crossing. Passersby knew him for an alert guard, and by his employers he was considered a faithful and reliable servant.

It is supposed that he died of apoplexy, although the health authorities will make a more thorough investigation of the case. He would have been 89 years of age next March, having been born in the year 1828 in Kilgus, County Clare, Ireland. As a young man he came to Canada and later moved to Waterbury, and eventually coming to Montpelier, where he had lived 35 years. Since he was hurt while working at car repairing for the Central Vermont railroad he was employed as a flagman.

Mr. McMahon married Katherine McMahon of Waterbury 46 years ago last November. The aged wife survives. He has one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Fratini of Montpelier, and three sons, Michael McMahon of Montpelier, James McMahon of Butte, Mont., and Thomas McMahon of Barre. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

TERRIBLE SCENES

Described by Montpelier Man Who Was in Halifax.

The following letter has been received in this city from William E. Hersey of Northfield street, Montpelier, who is in the British army, now in Halifax:

"Halifax, Dec. 8, 1917.

"Dear Friend: No doubt you have heard of the terrible explosion here. It was the most terrible thing I have ever seen or read about, and I hope I shall never live to see anything like it again. I can think of God that I am alive to write this letter to you, as there were so many thousands killed and wounded. There is not a complete house left.

"I was in the army at the time it happened and was lucky to escape with only three cuts on each ear and one on my hand, but they are not serious. There were over three or four of our company hurt, and one was reported killed this morning. We worked 36 hours without sleep and not much to eat, but we are fixed up quite comfortable now. We were kept busy carrying out the dead and wounded, fighting fire and pitching tents for the homeless.

"We heard this morning they have sent American doctors and Red Cross nurses here for relief, along with a million dollars. They certainly need it. Nearly everyone is without clothing and food. We gave most of our clothes to the naked.

"We have all seen something we shall never forget. The returned soldiers say they never have seen anything like it. It was all done in a second. The weather was dreadful yesterday. It snowed and drifted so we couldn't see a place to walk.

"The cause of the explosion was due to a Belgian relief ship colliding with a munition ship in daylight. There are many reports about it, but that is the one that we hear is right.

"I think we will be here for some time to do all we can. People that did not see or go through it cannot realize what it was. I picked up one old man who had lost his wife and six children and there are many like that. We could see people with heads blown off and limbs the same, and so many blown all to pieces. Oh! it was dreadful, but we hold out good. I guess it was a good thing we were left here to aid the poor unfortunate people who could be saved.

"The hospitals are full of suffering, lying on the floors, just crowded. The windows were all blown out, but they patched them up with boards. The lower part of the city is desolate, not a house left.

"Well, I must go on duty now, so will close, hoping to hear from you soon. "William."

"P. S. Give my regards to all and tell them I am still living; guess I am too tough to kill."

FIRE MADE HAVOC
IN OLD TOWN HALL;

LOSS NEAR \$40,000

Sparks from the Fire.

It was not warmer than the January morning when the old City hotel was destroyed three years ago, and by all accounts the mercury dropped lower.

An observer noted the indicator pointing to minus 30 when the fire artillery wheeled under his window.

The cold was enough to combat, but a breeze of almost any velocity would have added immeasurably to the discomfort of the firemen and the peril of surrounding property.

Stores of Moxie cached in the fruit store will have the smoky taste of the Scotch that is no longer to figure in fires since the well-known kinger. Alcohol was tabooed at public gatherings.

Firemen climbed the icy ladders in the face of an ever-present peril, but they were nothing daunted by the smoke or slippery footing.

James Coutts, one of the regular drivers, was momentarily overcome in going to the aid of his companion, Peter Purcell, but re-entered the fray after a few moments of recuperation.

Less trying were the outdoor conditions then, but the blaze which the firemen fought in the Reynolds building across the street two years ago offered similar resistance to their efforts.

The B. & M. T. & P. Co. began the day by running its cars no farther south than Pearl street. Line after line of hose spanned the tracks, and flowing water quickly made the road impassable, even had the hose been lifted.

In mid-forenoon an area extending from Keith avenue to City park was roped off and policemen were on hand to prevent well-meaning bystanders from getting in the way of the fire fighters.

No. 23 and 21 have it all over "Big Ben" in arousing people who own property in the business section. No. 23 brought a number to their toes this morning.

Some of the firemen believe that the blaze may have been smoldering for Walker and Bemis, meeting in front of the store shortly before 5:30 a. m., saw nothing of fire.

In the aftermath of the big fire, it may be ascertained how the blaze started, but none of the firemen desired to be quoted this forenoon, and the origin remained a mystery.

Around the furnace in the basement of the grocery store, there were no signs of fire, and there were no evidences of overheated pipes. Firemen examined a coal stove in the fruit store above but learned nothing that aided them in their search.

There are always—The Germans.

Food supplies in quantities were scattered about the back yard of the building when the work of salvaging was at its height, but no one offered to misplace any of the goods. In fact, looking very foreign to the thoughts of a crew of volunteer workers who labored ungrudgingly to save a part of the stock.

Tom Mercer of the Baltimore restaurant was on the grounds early with a steaming pot of coffee, and Tom in the role of the ministering angel got a warm welcome from the firemen. Others contributed hot coffee during the morning and helped in this way to allay the effects of the stinging cold.

The second call, sounded soon after 6 o'clock, brought a lot of firemen to the Call firemen who are employed in the stonehills did not lose any time in fighting fire, for scarcely a wheel turned in this frost-bitten granite belt to-day.

Flowers in the Emslie store looked like chilled wax when the proprietor opened up to inspect his water and smoke loss.

A veteran fire fighter who has missed no more than a half-dozen roll-calls in his long career as a volunteer in Barre is authority for the statement that the department never fought under more adverse conditions than to-day.

BORN IN DALBEATTIE.

Thomas M. Carson Had Lived in Barre Many Years.

Thomas M. Carson, for many years a well known resident, passed away at his home, 14 Laurel street, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Death came unexpectedly, although Mr. Carson had been in failing health for several years and for the past two months had been confined to the house. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Jeannie Rowan, to whom he was married in Clark's Island, Me., May 26, 1885; and three children, Chief William Carson, who is stationed on the U. S. S. Baltimore, Miss Elizabeth A. Carson, a teacher in the public schools of Barre, and Mrs. Francis Vigneault of Montreal, P. Q. There are also left two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Thornton of Dalbeattie, Scotland, and Mrs. Stephen Cooper, who lives in Cumberland, Eng.

The deceased was born in Dalbeattie, Scotland, Oct. 30, 1857. As a young man he came to America, settling in Maine at the age of 20. He learned the granite trade, and after a residence of some years in Maine, he went to Quiney, Mass. Mr. Carson came to Barre 22 years ago, and for some time thereafter was actively identified with the granite industry here. When ill health overtook him, he abandoned his trade and latterly had continued a trade in granitecutters' supplies. At the time of his death he conducted a storehouse in the Whitcomb building on North Main street. Mr. Carson was a member of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows' and belonged to the granitecutters' union. In ward 4 he was usually an active figure on election day, when he discharged the duties of a ward officer at the polling places. He was held in high esteem by a very large circle of friends, and his death is sincerely mourned by many.

Funeral services will be held at the house Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. R. J. Lehigh, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating.

RED CROSS MEETING TO-NIGHT.

Every Member is Urged to Attend at Aldrich Library.

An important meeting of the Barre branch of the American Red Cross will be held at the Aldrich library hall to-night at 7:30 o'clock, and it is imperative that all the officers and every member be present.

Houghton & Robins, Grocers

New England Fruit Store, J. J. Lamb & Co.,